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Connecticut Bill HB6593 – Housing Authority Jurisdiction

Connecticut Bill SB915 – Granting Variances by Zoning Board of Appeals

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in opposition to CT Bill HB6593 and SB915.

Housing and land use decisions should be controlled locally.

The waiving of most local zoning regulations through the CT state's affordable housing statute 8-30g removes all of the decision making authority from the local zoning commissions. We should ensure that zoning boards have the power and authority to deny an 8-30g application. In addition, there should be uniform standards when granting a dimensional variance throughout a community.

I've written to the Greenwich Planning & Zoning board regarding a proposed development at 200 Pemberwick Road & Comly Avenue. The pre-application for a 220 unit building was submitted under housing statute 8-30g and includes an underground parking structure. This location is a flood zone area along the Byram River and in a neighborhood with narrow streets and no sidewalks. This is a perfect example of a developer's misuse of the affordable housing statute 8-30g.

Sincerely,

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